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Book Department

BING, ALEXANDER M. *War-Time Strikes and their Adjustment*. Pp. 329. Price, \$2.50. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1920.

The first half of Mr. Bing's book consists of an historical treatment of the various labor adjustment agencies which were created during the war. The conditions which brought each mediating agency into existence and the principal activities in which it engaged are clearly and fully set forth. In the remainder of the book an analysis is made of the policies of the boards with regard to right to strike or lockout, union recognition, hours of work, wage, overtime, etc., and finally, of the attitude taken by employers, labor, the government, and the public toward the above policies.

That portion of the book which deals with the organization and principles of the mediating agencies is valuable for purposes of historical record and formation of future policy.

Not all classes of readers, however, will agree with Mr. Bing's appraisal of the positions taken by capital, labor and the government. Whether or not they agree with the author's conclusions, it is evident that every effort has been made to present fairly all sides of the war-time dispute between capital and labor.

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BUELL, RAYMOND LESLIE—Introduction by CARLTON J. H. HAYES. *Contemporary French Politics*. Pp. xxvii, 523. Price, \$3.50. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1920.

This book is a good discussion of party philosophies, parties and parliament, party realignments, the demand for a new constitution, syndicalism, the press and censorship, the French conception of a League of Nations, etc. It also contains an appendix devoted to French taxation during the war.

Those who desire a book dealing with such topics as these will find this work informing and suggestive.

International Labour Review. Vol. I, No. 1. Pp. 249. International Labour Office, Geneva, Switzerland: January, 1921.

The International Labour Review appears in fulfillment of the Treaty of Peace, Article 396, paragraph 4, which declares:

The International Labour Office will edit and publish in French and English, and in such other languages as the Governing Body may think desirable, a periodical paper dealing with problems in industry and employment of international interest.

In addition to the *Review*, the International Labour Office now publishes an *Official Bulletin* which records the internal work of the organization, and it also publishes the results of certain researches in its studies and reports and reprints the more important labor laws in its *Legislative Series*.

The *Review* is the organ through which the International Labour Office will collect and distribute information on all subjects relating to "adjustments of industrial life and labor."

This first volume contains articles on the International Labour Organization by Albert Thomas, J. Oudegeest and Sidney Webb. There are general articles on such topics as Industrial Relations; Production, Prices and Cost of Living; Unemployment; Protection of Women and Children; Coöperation; and Agriculture.

There is no more important work being done at the present time than that being done by the International Labour Office. The International Labour Office is one of the really growing achievements of the League of Nations.

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HARTMAN, HARLEIGH H. *Fair Value*. Pp. xix, 263. Price, \$2.50. New York City: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1920.

The fair valuation discussed in this book is valuation for rate-making purposes. The author concludes that: